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In re Application of:)
Shinobu KURIYA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2436
Application No.: 10/624,019) Examiner: Chinwendu C. OKORONKWO
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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING) Confirmation No.: 5079
APPARATUS, INFORMATION)
PROCESSING METHOD, AND)
COMPUTER PROGRAM USED)
THEREWITH)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

A copy of the listed non-patent literature document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English document, an English language version of an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding application citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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